



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Information Regarding Division of Facility Services Fees for Construction Projects

The General Assembly of North Carolina (Session 2003-2004) ratified House Bill 397 entitled "2003 Budget Act" and the Governor signed this bill into law on June 30, 2003.

House Bill 397: AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY THROUGH STRONG EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC TOOLS.

Extract from House Bill 397

Section 34.11(a) Article 16 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

GS131E-267. Fees for departmental review of health care facility construction projects.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall charge a fee for the review of each health care facility construction project to ensure that project plans and construction are in compliance with State law. The fee shall be charged on a one-time, per-project basis, as follows, and shall not exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) for any single project:

Institutional Project

Hospitals
Nursing Homes
Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Psychiatric Hospital
Adult Care Home more than 7 beds

Project Fee

\$150.00 plus \$0.10/square foot of project space
\$125.00 plus \$0.08/square foot of project space
\$100.00 plus \$0.08/square foot of project space
\$100.00 plus \$0.08/square foot of project space
\$87.00 plus \$0.05/square foot of project space

Residential Project

Family Care Homes
ICF/MR Group Homes
Group Homes: 1-3 beds
Group Homes: 4-6 beds
Group Homes: 7-9 beds
Other residential: More than 9 beds

Project Fee

\$87.00 flat fee
\$137.00 flat fee
\$50.00 flat fee
\$87.00 flat fee
\$112.00 flat fee
\$112.00 plus \$0.038/square foot of project space.

SECTION 34.11.(b) This section becomes effective October 1, 2003.

The review of plans and specifications will not start before the fee is paid. The fees are non-refundable if you choose to cancel the project after the Construction Staff of DFS has begun the project review.

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